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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8199  
INFO USDOC WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
USINT BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN  
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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF MAY ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE MEETING  
ON BOYCOTT

REF: ALEXANDRIA 439

1. IN STATEMENT CARRIED BY LOCAL PRESS MAY 28, MOHAMMED  
MAHJOUB, GENERAL COMMISSIONER OF DAMASCUS BOYCOTT OFFICE,  
STATED THAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZATIONS IN SYRIA,  
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JORDAN AND KUWAIT HAD BEGUN TO IMPLEMENT DECISIONS TAKEN AT  
MAY 15-21 MEETING OF ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN DAMASCUS.  
DECISIONS, ACCORDING TO MAHJOUB, CALLED FOR "STOPPING DEALINGS  
WITH COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ISSUED, OR WILL ISSUE, COUNTER  
LEGISLATION TO ARAB BOYCOTTING INFLUENCED BY INTERNATIONAL  
ZIONISM". MAHJOUB REITERATED STANDARD THEME THAT PRODUCTS  
FROM JAPAN OR OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD REPLACE THOSE FROM U.S.

IF IT IMPOSED COUNTERBOYCOTT LEGISLATION.

2. KUWAIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SOURCE HAS DENIED TO EMBOFF IMPLICATION OF ABOVE STATEMENT THAT NEW MEASURES AGAINST U.S. WERE BEING CONTEMPLATED. HE EXPLAINED THAT RESOLUTIONS OF DAMASCUS CONFERENCE MERELY CALLED FOR FULL COMPLIANCE BY FOREIGN FIRMS WITH ALL RELEVANT BOYCOTT REGULATIONS AND THEIR FULL ENFORCEMENT BY ARAB CHAMBERS. SOURCE STRESSED THAT RESOLUTION HAD NO BINDING EFFECT, SINCE MEMBERS OF ARAB CHAMBERS WERE JUST PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN.

3. EMBASSY OBTAINED COPY (IN ARABIC) OF BOYCOTT RESOLUTION PASSED AT DAMASCUS CONFERENCE. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION CONFIRMS THAT NO NEW MEASURES AGAINST U.S. FIRMS HAD BEEN PROPOSED. RESOLUTION DENOUNCED "LEGISLATION EXPOSING EVERY AMERICAN MEETING DEMANDS OF ARAB BOYCOTTING OF ISRAEL, AND RESPONDING TO BOYCOTTING OFFICES, TO FINES AND EPRIVATION OF RIGHTS AND TAX BENEFITS", TERMING THE MEASURES AN "OPEN AGGRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ARABS" AND INTERFERENCE IN ARAB STATES' SOVEREIGNTY. CONFERNCE CALLED ON ARAB BUSINESSMEN TO LOOK FOR SUBSTITUTES FOR GOODS FROM COUNTRIES NOT ABIDING BY ARAB BOYCOTT LAWS, BUT DID NOT INCLUDE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IN SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION.

4. COPY OF ARABIC TEXT OF RESOLUTION, WHICH IS LARGELY BOILER PLATE, BEING POUCHED ALONG WITH ROUGH TRANSLATION TO NEA/RA FOR MORRISON.

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